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My family heritage like many of my colleagues is from many centuries of European agriculturalists who migrated here and built the water system providing the water to the semi-arid desert we live in and transformed it into a garden Paradise. I am a 5th generation, my grand children are 7th generation Coloradoans Sand American Agriculturists proudly producing food and fiber for the people of this State, our Nation, and the World, all along the front range of Colorado for over 110 years! This heritage entangled with hardships, life and death struggles, devastating legendary storms and glorious triumphs give us the heart to fight for what is right! It is the basic American Principal, The Legacy Ditch Bill is founded in the principal of making it right. This Bill will help preserve the water rights procured under the laws of our Prior Rights Doctrine System. This is the lifeblood of family farms and ranches all over our State. We cannot turn our backs on irrigated agriculture water rights as was done in 1969 water act and again in 2002 water act . If this Legacy Ditch Bill is not passed as is, without defamation of its intent, water rights holders will be suffering another form of improvidently governmental "takings" of water and water rights. The future generations of Colorado and Colorado Agriculture are at stake!!! The Future is in your hands. You owe it to them!

Sincerely,

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